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During the past year your Archives played an important role in bringing each of the following to life...

> Most of you have seen the classic TV series "The Adams Chronicles" about one of the most influential families in American history. But you may not realize that the National Archives provided an appreciable amount of the documentary source material on which this program was based.
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> The current best seller Roots, by Alex Haley, traces the author's heritage back through slavery days to his ancestral village in Africa - a feat of monumental research made possible in part by the prodigious store of genealogical information available at the Archives.
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> And in his new book Adolf Hitler, author John Toland graciously acknowledges his debt to the vast store of material in the Archives' World War II collections, particularly the captured German archives.

These are only three recent and popular examples of ways in which archival collections have contributed to our understanding of history and the historical process. The list could be much longer, for at the National Archives our documentary heritage is not just a bicentennial concern; it is our every-day, every-year "business." Through the Associates program, we would like to make it your business, too.

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To become part of your National Archives and enjoy the privileges of membership, simply return the enclosed postpaid Associates form today.

I look forward to welcoming you to the world of the National Archives.

Sincerely,

James B. Rhoads

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